



Van Meter News

December 2017

City of Van Meter

Elected Officials:

Mayor

-Allan Adams

Council

-Kim Sacker

Mayor Pro Tem

-Adam Lamoureux

-Lyn Lyon

-Michael Peterson

-Owen Stump

City Staff:

Jake Anderson-

City Administrator

Liz Thompson-City Clerk

Dave Herman-Public Works

Michael Abbott-

Public Works

Bill Daggett-Police Chief

Craig Greer-Police Officer

Suzanne Lindaman-

Library Director

Library-515-996-2435

-Non-Emergency- Dallas Co.

Dispatch-515-993-4567

-Emergency-911

VAN METER
**WINTER
MARKET**

Dec. 2, 2017
Veterans Reception Center
9 am - 1 pm

 Don't miss the cookie-walk
sponsored by the
American Legion Auxiliary.

THE VAN METER WINTER MARKET is an amazing event where shoppers and vendors can share a love for food, art, craft and other miscellaneous items.

FEATURING: homemade crafters, bakers, jewelers, pottery, metal work, hand crafted wood items and many unique gift ideas.

The Van Meter Fire Department will hold their Fundraising Chili Feed, and Santa will arrive for the kids.

Please call Holly Adams at 996-2702 to register to become a vendor.

Visit Santa at the Veterans Reception Center December 2nd from 9a to 1p



Educate & Protect



"Educate and Protect" is the slogan for the combined efforts of the Van Meter Firefighter's Association and the Library's Foundation to raise funds for a building project. The current building is a tight fit. The fire trucks are parked so close to each other that there is barely room to get between them. The library is increasing the amount of programming, but space is holding us back.

The process began earlier this year with conversations between Public Safety and the Van Meter Public Library about how to best work together for the betterment of the community. A consultant was hired, through a grant from the state, to create building programs that would focus on

what is needed in a new facility. The City Council approved a call for Request for Proposals during their October meeting for architectural services. Six proposals from architects were received. A combined meeting of the Public Safety Command Staff and the Library Board of Trustees will narrow that to the three to be interviewed to make a final decision.

Both the Firefighter's Association and the Library Foundation are looking for grants and other opportunities to raise the necessary funds for this project. **We are kicking off our efforts locally with the chili feed and a gift wrapping booth at the Van Meter Winter Market.**

INVEST IN YOUR LIBRARY.

Because transformation is essential to the community we serve.



Happy 150th Birthday Van Meter!

Join us on Friday, Jan 5 for dinner, music and fireworks at the Van Meter Legion Hall bar to celebrate Van Meter's 150th Birthday and kick start this year's Raccoon River Days events!

A dinner of Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup will be served starting at 5:30p with music by DJ Tom and Karaoke, and Fireworks at 8p.

Free-will donation with proceeds going to fund this year's special Raccoon River Days celebration.



Celebrating Van Meter's Sesquicentennial with Raccoon River Days

Van Meter is celebrating 150 years in 2018 and we need your help to make this Raccoon River Days even bigger and better! We are planning some special one-time activities in honor of our town's sesquicentennial and are looking for individuals, families, teams or businesses to coordinate events such as:

- Old Time Games (gunny sack races, horse shoes, etc.)
- Town Time Capsule
- Fishing Derby



If you have an idea on how to help celebrate this special occasion, or are willing to help by coordinating an event please let us know! Email us at raccoonriverdays@gmail.com.



PS Mark your calendars - **Raccoon River Days is June 1-3**



Kids Shopping Day!



 **Hey Kids, it's time to go Christmas shopping and help support the Van Meter community at the same time!!** 




WHEN: Saturday, December 9th

TIME: 9am – Noon

WHERE: Van Meter United Methodist Church –
100 Hazel Street, Van Meter



How does it work?

-  Adults help the kids put together a list of who they are shopping for
 -  Shopper elves help the kids secretly shop and wrap gifts.
(Prices are marked at garage sale prices)
 -  Adults stay back and enjoy a snack and conversation while the kids shop
- ALL proceeds from this shopping day go to local families in need this holiday season



Slightly used or new item donations prior to the event are welcome!

(No clothes please)

Drop off at either the Van Meter Baptist or Methodist church.

Questions? Please contact: Debby Speas at deb_sanford@yahoo.com (VM Baptist Church)
or Suzy Lowman at slowman745@wildblue.net (VM Methodist Church)



Thank you so much for your support – hope to see you there!





Snow, Snow, Snow!



SNOW REMOVAL. No person shall park or allow a vehicle to remain parked on a public street in the City from the time it begins to snow until such time as the streets have been cleared of accumulated snow from curb to curb (or from all of the traveled portion of the roadway for those streets which do not have curbs) or 48 hours, whichever time is shorter. Vehicles shall be removed immediately once it begins to snow. The Director of Public Works and Utilities is also empowered to end the prohibition on parking prior to the expiration of the 48-hour period if the Director determines that the streets have been cleared. The Director of Public Works and Utilities shall notify the Police Chief when the parking prohibition has ended.

DUMPING OF SNOW. It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, place, or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impeded the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.

REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND ACCUMULATIONS. It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within 48-hours after such accumulations, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.



MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS. A violation of this Code of Ordinances or any ordinance or code herein adopted by reference or the omission or failure to perform any act or duty required by the same, with the exception of those provisions specifically provided under State law as a felony, an aggravated misdemeanor, or a serious misdemeanor, or a simple misdemeanor under Chapters 687 through 747 of the Code of Iowa, is a municipal infraction punishable by civil penalty as provided herein.



Please visit our website for the complete Code of Ordinances for the city of Van Meter.



They can be found at www.vanmeteria.gov under the section titled Ordinances.



Postoffice News

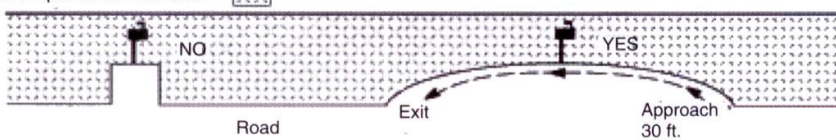


Approaches to Curbside Mailboxes

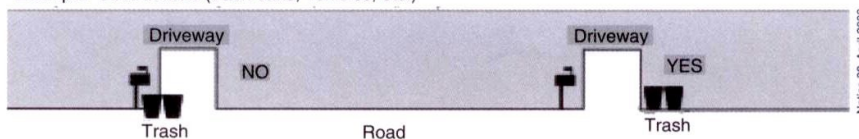
Dear Customer,

The Postal Service depends on you to meet postal requirements regarding delivery and collection of mail to curbside boxes. *Please keep the full approach and exits to your mailbox clear, as illustrated in the examples below.* Removing trash cans, snow, vehicles, and any other objects from the area allows the carrier to deliver your mail safely and efficiently without exiting the vehicle. Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you. Your Postmaster

Example: Snow Removal



Example: Obstructions (trash cans, vehicles, etc.)



The Van Meter Post Office has exciting news to share. For your convenience, our Post Office now has an amazing selection of Hallmark cards for your purchase. There are beautiful cards for all occasions so you can now save yourself that trip elsewhere to make your purchase and have the ability to mail it at the same time.

We also have a new feature for your use called ***"Informed Delivery"***. This is a free and optional notification service that gives eligible residential consumers the ability to see a preview of their letter mail, wherever you are, before it arrives. Participating consumers receive an email containing grayscale images of the outside of your household's letter-sized mailpieces that will be arriving soon. Contact us for more information on this great new service!

Winter is not far away and we would like to remind all customers with street delivery to be mindful of rules to ensure the ability to get your mail delivered to your box. The approach and exit from your box needs to have a 15 foot clearance on either side of the box. Trash cans placed in front of your box or cars parked too close to the box may make it impossible for your carrier to get to your box to deliver the mail safely. They are not required to dismount their vehicle or back up to get your mail into your box. In the snow the approach and exit from your box also needs to be cleared. We ask those living where you have CBU delivery to be good neighbors and keep the entrance to your unit cleared of snow also. It is not the carrier's responsibility or the city's to remove that snow. It is considered part of the sidewalk and needs to be cleared as well. We greatly appreciate your help to get your mail delivered to you safely. Thank you.

Lisa Eittreim

Postmaster Van Meter



Kindergarten Roundup



CITY OF VAN METER

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



310 Mill Street

PO Box 160

Van Meter, IA 50261

ph: 515-996-2644



Van Meter School Kindergarten Round-up Parents Meeting

When: Monday, January 8, 2018
Where: Van Meter School Performing Arts Center
Time: 6:00p—7:00p
Who: All parents of 2018-2019 Kindergarten students

R.S.V.P: Kris Koster at 515-996-2221 or
Kris.koster@vmbulldogs.com

We ask that you attend the meeting **WITHOUT** your child; he/she will experience school at the Kindergarten orientation in May.

City offices will be closed
 December 25 and 26 to celebrate the Christmas Holiday.
 Offices will also be closed
 January 1 and January 2 to celebrate the New Year!
 We wish you and yours a very Happy Holiday
 and all the best in 2018!



Whatever is beautiful.

Whatever is meaningful.

Whatever brings you happiness.

May it be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

From the Van Meter City Family to Yours!

